

IN THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the pending claims follows:

1 -35. (cancelled).

36. (currently amended) A method of revoking a host device on a file-by-file basis, comprising:

receiving at a storage engine a certificate from the host device, the certificate containing a digital signature;

authenticating the digital signature;

establishing a secure session by transmitting a session key to the host device; and

during the secure session:

receiving at the storage engine a file request from the host device, the file request being directed to a file stored on a storage medium accessible to the storage engine;

reading a revocation file list associated with the file from the storage medium, the revocation file list containing at least one rule, the at least one rule associating data in the revocation file list with data in the certificate;

applying the at least one rule on the data in the revocation file list and the associated data in the certificate; and

if the application of the at least one rule provides a failing result, denying the file request.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the at least one rule comprises a plurality of rules.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the storage medium is an optical disk.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the application of the at least one rule act comprises matching the data in the revocation file with the data in the certificate.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising: if the application of the at least one rule provides a successful result, granting the file request.

41. (cancelled)

42. (cancelled)

43. (cancelled)